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Sir:

This is Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2003, for which the shortened three-month statutory period for response is set to expire on August 27, 2003. With a one month extension, response is timely on or before September 27, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.